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First wherof, Discovers their Domestick Doctrines for Education of their Novices.

The Second, openeth their Atheisticall Practises touching the present Warres of *Germany*.

Projected by them in the yeare 1608. and now so farre as their power could stretch, effected, till the comming of the most Victorious King of *SWEDEN* into GERMANY.

Both serving as a most necessary warning for these present Times.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL SIR *Nicholas Rainton* Preſident, the Worſhipfull *Martin Bond* Treaſurer, and the reſt of the Worſhipfull and Worthy Governors of the Hoſpitall of little *Saint Bartholmews.*

TO tell you that theſe times whereinto we are fallen, are dangerous dayes, were but to take up the publicke Theme, that every Pulpit ringeth of: But to ſhew wherein this danger ſtandeth, will not (I hope) be cenſured either raſhneſſe or impertinency, if I make good what I affirme. Be you, and all indifferent men, my Iudges. There is a generation of men whom this laſt Century of yeeres hath unhappily produced, who like our Watermen upon the Thames, ſet the face one way, and rowe another: who by their ſublimized ſubtilties, and profound depth in State-affaires [illegible] all Chriſtendome, that moſt politick and pragma-

pragmaticall ſociety of Jeſuites, *whoſe Doctrines in the education of their Novices, and moſt pernicious practice for diſturbing all Chriſtian States, this ſmall Treatiſe will ſhew you, if you pleaſe to read it: I have herein done the part of a Tranſlator onely, giving you in our* Engliſh Language *what I found in the* Latine *written by ſome of that Society, who upon mature deliberation forſook the ſame upon the grounds which in this following Tracts they have expreſſed.*

And I hope your diſcreet Iudgements will finde herein enough to make you fully to know, and freely to deteſt their dangerous poſitions and damnable practices: which is the onely intent of this publication, and ſhall be the dayly and conſtant prayer of your wel-wiſhing and ſerviceable Friend, a Miniſter of the Word of God, and

Your Worſhips Hoſpitaler,

WILLIAM FREAKE.

From your Hoſpitall this
26 day of *March*.
1636.

THE DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE OF THE IESVITES.

WHen the time was now at hand and almoſt accompliſhed, wherein that rare and heauenly man *Paulus Florenius* abandoned that perverſe Fraternitie of the *Ieſuites*, and returned from them to the publike Societie of men, and we two were at that inſtant time walking together then thus ſpake *Paul* vnto me.

PAVL. FLOREN. Me thinkes *Chriſtianus* (ſaith hee) when I conſider all Circumſtances impartially, comparing them one with another, this our profeſſion of *Ieſuitiſme* wherein wee liue is wholly compacted of Superſtition, Hypocriſie, and a great deale of diſſembled and pretended Sanctitie, being euen deviſed of the Deuill himſelfe in this elder and doating age of the world, purpoſely thereby

to make sale vnto Mankind of all the Errors, toyes and Superstitions of *Poperie*, and (to vse a homely phrase against my will, but that it is most proper and significant in this case) to take the stinking excrements of *Papistrie* so odious in their owne nature, and sauouring much more loathsomely at this time, especially wherein they are so often stirred in, by many curious and great Schollers, and by compounding and tempering the same with pretences of Holinesse, and wrapping them vp in a great number of obscurities and subtilties to vent them once more to the whole Christian world for sweet Drugs and Spices of price, and that after such a manner, that they will compell men to bee theyr Chapmen for them to buy whether they will or not. Yea, and the matter is now carried in such sort, that nothing can be discouered in the religion of *Poperie*, how base, false, and abhominable soever, which this Societie presumeth not by some new deuise or other, eyther through blinding the eye of Vnderstanding, or by craftie Conueyances, couering the absurditie and falshood thereof, to make appeare both faire and true. Wherefore I suppose, that it standeth vs much vpon to consider seriously in what a profession wee liue, least if wee shall neglect to take notice of the falshood thereof now, our blessed Lord and Sauiour himselfe neglect to acknowledge vs for his owne in the day of our generall accompt, and afterwards, wee may doe as that most excellent Pro-

Jerem. 51. 6. phet IEREMIE commandeth, *Flie out of the Middest of Babel and deliuer euery man his owne Soule.*

CHRIST.

Christian. Francken. Whereunto I replyed thus: And is it true *Paul?* Can you admit a thought, that the moſt Holy and Learned profeſſion in the world at this time, ſhould bee falſe and hypocriticall? I aſſure you, I hold this Religion to bee the true Religion, and ſo conſequently that our ſelues are bound to continue in the ſame, as in our lawfull Vocation, according to the Doctrine of the holy Apoſtle, and not to depart a jot therefrom, or elſe all Religions in the world to be falſe, and by all meanes to be auoyded.

Paul. I was of your mind *Chriſtianus*, ſaid *Paul*, before I entred into this Profeſſion, and therfore I burſt violently out of the armes of this flattering world (though ſhee was vnwilling to let me eſcape out of her clutches) and came running as it were in haſt to this Societie of *Ieſuites*, as to the moſt holy of all profeſſions of Religion, and the moſt pleaſing to God (as I ſuppoſed) and the moſt comfortable to mine owne ſoule.

But now, whereas I expected to find true and vnfeigned Holines therein *Woe is mee*, I meet with nothing but meere Hypocriſie and Diſſimulation.

And now euen thine owne ſelfe (O *Chriſtian*) ſhalt ſee apparantly that what I haue ſpoken is not deuiſed of hatred, or euill will, but that I ſpeake it as a man conuinced in Conſcience by the Truth it ſelfe, and euen enforced thereunto againſt my will, if forthwith thou doeſt but ſearch into the depth as I haue done, and into the very foundations of the Societie, and relinquiſhing all voluntary or (as our Societie termeth it) Holy ſimplicity and blindnes

of heart, thou be guided by the pure light of reason, and beholding the same with a sincere vnderstanding, no way forstalled with Iesuiticall Deluſions, thou canſt take a view of the Cozenage and knauerie ther of: which if thou doeſt, (as it is my hope that thou wilt;) I doubt not but that thou ſhalt quickly diſcerne, by thoſe ſpirituall foundations which are layd in euery houſe of Probationers amongſt vs for the Education of Nouices, and inſtructing them according to the rule of that Societie, that none at all is fitting to bee admitted into this profeſſion, but ſuch onely as haue a propenſe inclination, eyther by nature, or acquired by ſeruile Education, and ſuddenly reſolued vpon in ſome fit of aſtoniſhment, of heart to hypocriſie and ſuperſtition; That is to ſay, ſome ſuch man as is well skilled, by an apparant Sanctitie of looke or demureneſs of Countenance, to make ſhew in publike of his Deuotion (as they tearme it,) which our bleſſed Sauiour hath commanded to reſerue for our priuate Cloſets, and ſuch a one as praying in publike like a *Phariſie* at a Faſt, can cunningly change the coppie of his Countenance at pleaſure, which manner of behauiour, howbeit indeed and in truth it bee nothing but Hypocriſie, yet it is ſtiled by our Societie, *Edification* forſooth, and *Deuotion*.

Verily *Chriſtian*, I doe euery day more and more plainely perceiue, and doe exceedingly bewaile to ſee, that this is the very foundation whereupon our Societie is built, nor will my Conſcience

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euer ſuffer me to bee at quiet, till I haue purged my ſelfe from theſe pollutions.

But if ſo be, that your ſelfe hauing your vnderſtanding foreſtalled with daily Cuſtome, which is a ſecond Nature, doe not yet perhaps perceiue thus much. I will vndoubtedly proue vnto you by infallible Demonſtrations, how you may be able to collect thus much by very touch and feeling, which though it bee the moſt ſtupid of all Sences, yet it is the moſt infallible and hardeſt to bee deceiued.

CHRISTIAN. Indeed, ſayd I, *Paul*, I doe confeſſe that I doe not yet fully vnderſtand thus much. Wherefore if you ſuppoſe me to be inveloped in a Myſt of *Ieſuitiſme*, be a meanes I beſeech you that I may Diſcerne, at the leaſt by touching the meaning of theſe things, whereof you haue now begun to ſpeake.

PAVL. Well then, ſaid hee, come hither vnto me yet a litle neerer, and by calling thy memory to an accompt, lay thy hand (as it were) vpon all that Sanctity whereof thou haſt had experience hitherto, partly in thy ſelfe, and partly in other Ieſuites, and weighing the ſame deliberately together, with the ſeuerall diſpoſitions of the people, as they are *Italians*, *Spaniards*, *French*, or *Dutch*, ingenuous or blockiſh, free-borne, or baſe, conſider them apart ſeriouſly, ſo ſhalt thou at laſt bee reſolued. I aſſure my ſelfe, that thou haſt euer obſerued, and tooke notice of more frequent and outward expreſſions of Ieſuiticall Deuotion in *Spaniards*, and *Italians*, then in *Germans*, *French*, or other Nations, and

moſt vſually in ſeruile and blockiſh companions, much more then in free-borne and ingenuous Gentlemen.

Now as touching the *Spaniard* himſelfe, you ſhall find that this Diſpoſition in him, proceedeth meerely from his ſeruile Education in the Chriſtian Religion : For there is in *Spaine* (as your ſelfe know as well as I doe) ſo ſtrict a courſe taken for inquiry into euery particuler man, touching his profeſſion, at the leaſt of the *Romane Religion*, and the ſame is ſo narrowly watched for flying away, that except the very Sonnes and Children themſelues ſhall bring a Faggot to the burning of their Fathers, (if once they be adjudged *Heretickes*) and ſo become little leſſe then the Executioners of their Parents, they are generally reputed *Heretickes*, and worthy to fry with them in the ſame flame.

Whereby it is apparant enough, that the *Spaniards* of neceſſitie muſt be Superſtitious, and very frequent in all outward acts of *Deuotion*, and both in life and death *Romane Catholiques*. Yea, they had need to take heed, that they doe not ſo much as ſmell like an *Heretitke*, when they are rotten in their Graues, leaſt if they haue fallen ſhort in outward teſtimonies of Religion, they happen to bee ſuſpected touching the Faith, and come to be moſt ſeuerely perſecuted to the third and fourth generation.

How then can it bee poſſiblely, that the *Spaniſh* Nation, being borne and bred, educated and inſtructed in ſuch infinite ſlauerie of minde, being alſo by Nature hot and chollericke, ſhould chuſe but

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be moſt violent, or (if you pleaſe to tearme it ſo) moſt Devout in his Religion?

Yea, how could the Deuill himſelfe if hee were lyable to the *Spaniſh* Inquiſition, how could hee avoyd it, but hee muſt be compelled at all times to transforme himſelfe into an Angell of light, and to acquire ſome habite, at the leaſt to put on an outſide of *Romiſh* ſuperſtition and ſeeming Sanctitie? From this Fountaine ſprung that *Ignatius de Loiola*, who being a Souldier, and by the valour of the *French* at the ſeidge of the Caſtle at *Pampeloun*, in the Kingdome of *Navarre*, ſpoyled for following that profeſſion any longer, and outſtripping all others in Superſtition, became the Founder of the *Ieſuiticall* Order, by whom hee might in time to come, not onely bee reuenged of the *French*, but alſo make a Conqueſt of all the Chriſtian world beſides.

You ſhall alſo obſerue in *Italians*, that they are exceedingly frequent in thoſe outward acts of religious Deuotion, and that through a naturall inclination which they haue to hypocriſie and diſſimulation, as a Nation which euer hath bin (as appeareth by all their antient Monuments and Records) very ſuperſtitious, and are to this day inclinable to worſhip a multitude of *Deities*, and marueilous prone to Idolatrie; inſomuch, that it may eaſily be demonſtrated, how out of this Cup of Fornication, that people hath powred out many things into Chriſtian Religion, and infected it throughout with deadly poyſon. Where with the whole Chriſtian world being for the moſt part inticed

ticed and deceiued, by the ſweetneſſe, delitiouſneſſe, Antiquity, and faire outſide thereof; is, in a manner quite inebriated, whiles day by day in the matter of ſaluation, they reſort to a Rabble of *Romiſh Deities*, and to a Numberleſſe number of Saints forſooth, ſubſtituted by the *Popes* of *Rome*, in roome of the Heathen Gods, and propounded to be invocated and prayed vnto, and them multiplyed continually, though not in deed, yet in their names, as alſo to many Goddeſſes, feminine Saints, amongſt whom queſtionles the Virgin *Mary* was brought in as in the place of *Ceres*, whom the *Roman* Matrons in the time of Heatheniſme, did moſt religiouſly adore with burning tapers, at ſuch time of the yeare as the Feaſt of *Candlemas* or *Purification* of the bleſſed Virgin was enacted.

Which thing, I am the rather induced to beleeue ſeeing that for the increaſe of their Idolatry, this very ſolemnity was purpoſely contriued to fall into the moneth of *February*, that being the ſelfe ſame time of the yeere the antient heathen *Romanes* kept their Feaſt called *Februa*, offering vp ſacrifices for all ſoules, and for the purging or expiating of the ſinnes of the whole City.

Varro. lib. 2. de Pop. Rom. vita.
Macrob. lib. 1. Saturnal. c. 13
Ouid. Faſt. 2. 4.

For indeed, all the people of *Rome*, at that time of the yeare (as their owne Writers teſtifie) was wholly taken vp with making Oblations and Sacrifices, with lighted Torches and waxen Candles about the Sepulchers of the Dead, for obtaining of reſt to the Soules of their friends departed. And finding the Scriptures of God, vnwilling of themſelues to conſent to this Idolatry, they haue forced

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and drawn them thereunto,(as it were)by the head and ſhoulders, and hauing by chance ſtumbled vpon one booke or other that ſeemeth to approue that opinion in ſome ſort, they haue made that booke Canonicall, that ſo their opinion might bee made altogether an Article of our Faith,in defence whereof,as well as of other points,all the Doctors, (or rather *Doddipoles*) of the Romane Church doe labour till they ſweate againe, but all in vaine, till at the laſt perceiuing, that they nothing aduantage their cauſe, by all the new Arguments they can deuiſe, and rake vp day by day, they retire in the end of all to the traditions of the Church as to their ſhort Anchor and onely ſafe harbour in that caſe: When as neuertheleſſe, that very tradition it ſelfe is for the moſt part (I may ſafely ſay altogether) vnderpropped by that great and principall Idoll of Rome,which with its greatneſſe doth (in a manner) reach vp to heauen. Yea maketh it ſelfe equall to that euer to bee adored and bleſſed *Trinity*, by that triple Crowne it weareth, and that threefold gemiculation which is expected from all ſuch as dare to approach neere vnto him.

Neither indeed,can I ſuppoſe that the *Germaines* and *Bohemians*, being naturally and of themſelues inclinable to true piety, did ſo eaſily fall off from the Church of *Rome*, for any other cauſe ſo much as for this; to wit, becauſe in regard of that honeſtie and grauitie of manners which is in them by Nature, they haue euer abhorred & cannot away with to this day a multitude of Idols and Cere-

monies, with all that leuity of Minicke repreſentations and ſuperſtitions, howbeit indeed they haue defiled themſelues for many yeeres together with this Idolatry and inconſtancie, being ouerborne by the authority of that *Romane* Idoll, and that infallibility of Spirit, which they ſo bragge that they hold in Feeſimple, or at the leaſt haue an euerlaſting leaſe thereof to themſelues and their poſterities for euer. And though it be ſo, that ſome men being caught by our *Ieſuites*, with the glorious names of *Hierome*, *Ambroſe*, *Auguſtine*, *Bernard*, *Thomas Aquinas*, & other Saints, do returne to their former abominations, ſurely they are none but illiterate, and vnexperienced youthes or none of the wiſeſt and knowing men, but rather ſuch as being diſtracted with an importunate and confuſed rumour, of Learning and Holineſſe, are not able to vnderſtand the miſtery of this buſineſſe, or to diſcerne aright of matters in queſtion, nor doe perceiue that foraſmuch, as theſe Fathers of our Societie haue made the Biſhop of *Rome* an earthly *Deity*, by appropriating vnto him a ſoueraigne Power, ouer all perſons, and an infallibility of truth in doctrine, ſo in lieu of this their Curteſie to him, this *Roman-God-Almighty* hath likewiſe conferred vpon them, and by a free donation entayled vpon them and their poſterity the name of holy Fathers, for euer and euer.

And all this only for this purpoſe that ſo godly a peece of Doctrine deuiſed by them, and tending ſo much to the vpholding of his Fatherhood (I had almoſt

almoſt ſaid falſhood,) might not ſeeme any humaine deuice, but rather as it were a *Diuine* conſtitution and an *Oracle* from Heauen: and that himſelfe euermore relying thereupon, might by vertue of his Diuine prerogatiue, haue power to create and ordaine for the whole Chriſtian world, what Articles of Faith hee pleaſed.

Laſt of all, who doth not ſee, that ſeruile and blockiſh Companions (for thoſe onely remaine in our Diuiſion) doe for this very cauſe both more willingly fall into, and more obſtinately maintaine this blockiſh and ſluiſh Religion, as more naturally agreeing to themſelues and their inclinations.

But this point I am ſure, your ſelfe vnderſtand perfectly, who haue but a few dayes agoe (as you cannot chuſe but remember) expreſſed vnto mee your owne particular griefe, for the end and blockiſh qualities of the Collegiates, when you related vnto me not without indignation, that after you returned from *Italie* into *Germany*, you were exceedingly moleſted in mind with Conſideration thereof, and did many a time wiſh your ſelfe out of this world, rather then to liue to be conſtrained to doe any thing againſt your Calling, which this thought, and the experience you had of the truth thereof, did wonderfully weaken and infringe: to wit, that in theſe parts, there were none obſerued to enter into or at the leaſt to continue in that Society of *Ieſuites*, but the very Dregs of Mankind, ſuch as were hardly capable of reaſon, much leſſe of true Piety and Religion: vnto whom neuertheleſſe, becauſe they exceed in number, you muſt

conforme your ſelfe in all things, if you deſire to liue in peace abroad, and enioy any quiet or content at home.

And thus I haue made knowne vnto you, the foundation of our Society, let vs now proceed vnto the body thereof, the eſtate whereof is eaſily diſcouered from the originall, as it were, and cauſes therof. For inaſmuch as our Societie wch moſt impudently arrogateth to it ſelfe the name of *IESV*, is compoſed of ſuch a ſincke of Hypocrites and ſuperſtitious perſons, it deſerueth rather to bee tearmed a Phariſaicall Religion: howbeit (as I haue ſaid) it bee clothed with the moſt glorious name of IESV, to the end that wretched mortals might henceforth haue the Enemies and Traitors of their owne ſalvation, not onely lurking vnder ſheepes clothing, but alſo vnder the very ornament of Diuinity, that by this meanes the very Elect (if it could bee poſſibly) ſuſpecting no falſhood to bee vnder ſo glorious a name of truth, might bee drawne into errour.

Now the whole body of our ſociety, beſides their Father Generall, who is the Head and *Coriphæus* of this Order, comprehendeth only theſe ſixe ſorts of perſons.

The firſt, thoſe who haue profeſſed 4. vowes.
The ſecond, ſuchas haue made profeſſion of 3. vowes
The third, are ſpirituall Coadiutors.
The fourth, are temporall Coadiutors.
The fifth, Schollers.
The ſixth, Novices.

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The profeſſors of 4. Vowes are ſo called, becauſe that ouer and aboue the 3. common vowes of Poverty, Chaſtity, & Obedience, they make a peculiar vow of Obedience to the Pope of *Rome*, and promiſe him, that they will diſperſe and publiſh the errors and ſuperſtitions of the *Romane* Religion throughout all the world, whenſoeuer he ſhall command, *Non petito viatico*, at their owne coſt and charges.

And againe, vnto the Father Generall they vow, *Ab negationem honorum*, to renounce all honours, forſooth, becauſe they will not be made Cardinals out of the Societie, and yet therein they are made very Cardinals in the Societie, as out of whom onely their Father Generall, who is in effect nothing elſe but the *Pope* of that Societie, muſt bee elected, and vpon whom as vpon hinges, the whole Societie may depend and be turned euery way for aduantage. Which men alſo may retaine a publique repute of being Learned and Holy men: and ſo this lying and fooliſh Societie, whiles it ſuppoſeth that it auoydeth *Ambition*, or would bee thought ſo to doe, falleth headlong into it, not much vnlike thoſe fooliſh Phyloſophers, whom *Cicero* mentioneth, who by ſetting their owne Names vpon thoſe Bookes, which they had written touching the Contempt of Glory, haue therein fooliſhly fiſhed for vaine *Glory* to themſelues.

Now thoſe who haue profeſſed three vowes are as very Byſhops in the ſocietie, and whereas in other Orders this degree is not diſtinguiſhed from ſimple Prieſthood, but as many as are ordained

Priests may also be Professors. In this our societie there is a distinction betwixt those two, to the end (forsooth) that this degree may seeme the higher, and more eminent, if many yeares after a man hath beene made Priest he may be admitted to profession, as vnto a Bishopricke. By which distinctions they make it appeare vnto vs euidently enough, that they haue conuerted the base shew of Ambition, into a most beautifull and glorious picture, or outside of vaine glory, which might moue all all men liuing with its beautie, and might allure and retaine vnto it selfe, a great number of persons of all estates, and degrees, and of both sexes.

Marke this. Whereas, if men looking seriously into this outward forme, and formall outside; and with the piercing eye of true vnderstanding should behold the inside thereof; questionlesse, they might there discouer closely concealed vnder our societie, that second beast which maketh all the world to worship the first. *Apoc.* 13.12.

For by the first beast, I vnderstand the Bishop of *Rome*, who in regard of that secular power which he vsurpes, is indeed and in truth that Antichrist whom our society now causeth to bee worshipped almost all the world ouer, and that it must continue to doe so euerlastingly, hath bound it selfe by that their fourth and more peculiar vow.

Now that which our blessed Lord and Saviour and his beloued Disciple Saint IOHN, and the Prophet DANIELL doe speake, touching the short time of Antichrists raigne, is to bee vnderstood of the last persecution, which shall be, at such time as that

Math. 24.22. Apocal. 13.5. 12.14. Dan. 12.7.

that first beast the Pope, shall by that second beast our Societie, in some part haue recouered *Germany*, *Bohemia*, and other Kingdomes, lately taken out of their hands, and shall see many other Realmes and Principalities reduced to their obedience by the same. For then shall this society being growne rich, magnifie its owne heart, and rise vp against the King of Kings, and be crushed to peeces without hands. Dan. 8. 25.

Spirituall Coadjutors (vnder which name are comprehended all Priests and professors of Diuinity or Philosophy, and all and singular teachers of the inferiour Arts not yet hauing made profession) hauing first vowed Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, doe assist this beast in peruerting and seducing of Soules vnto the first Beast. Whereas many one shall approue himselfe more apt and ingenuous then his fellowes, so is he the more quickly admitted by profession to bee a Member of this Monster.

Now those who are called Temporall Coadjutors, haue charge to prouide for the backe and belly of this Beast, purueying and prouiding for the same and intermedling with all Domesticke businesse,

Lastly, Schollers and Novices are maintained at home, to this end onely, least at any time there might prooue a defect in the Body of this Monster. But that as old eaten limbes shall happen to decay, and fall off, so fresh and new supplies may be still made out of this Storehouse or Seminarie of young *Iesuites*.

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In the Epiſtle of *Ignatius de Loyola*, who is read euery moneth at the Table.

Moreouer, to the end this Idolatry and ſuperſtition may be for euer concealed free from feare of diſcouerie, and that as it is preſerued, ſo it may bee increaſed continually, this Beaſt is accuſtomed to foreſtall the vnderſtanding of her whelpes, if they haue any, and to bind vp their very ſences, admoniſhing or rather Commanding in good earneſt, that all things which the Superior ſhall Command, be performed with blind obedience, and that whatſoeuer our ſuperior ſhall doe, bee paſſed ouer with blind iudgement, without ſo much as Conſidering whether it be good and profitable, or hurtfull and damnable, which is enioyned or done, foraſmuch as euery ſuch thought taketh away the merit and valour of obedience. In which particuler, our Societie followeth the ſteps of the Canoniſts thoſe moſt pernicious flatterers of the *Popes*, and ſeducers of the whole Chriſtian world. For theſe were the onely men, who in times paſt perſwaded all Chriſtian Churches, that the Byſhop of *Rome* was of ſuch Soueraigne power, and authoritie; that albeit, hee ſhould lead the whole world into Damnation, no man had power to controle him, no man might be ſo bold as to demand of him a reaſon for ſo Deuiliſh an act.

Diſtinct. 40. Cap. 5 2. Papa.

And euen thus altogether, or rather a great deale worſe, doth this Societie of ours inſtruct her Nouices, teaching that whatſoeuer our Superiours inioyneth to bee done or doth himſelfe, is not onely not to be queſtioned (much leſſe to be found fault withall) but euer to bee preſuppoſed as holy and good, to vſe the very words of our Father *Ignatius*.

In the ſame Epiſtle.

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And all this onely to this end (forſooth) that all their Foolery, Idolatry, and Superſtition, may at length obtaine the name of Holineſſe, and bee adored as Ordinances of the Societie.

And now (mee thinkes (I haue brought thee about neere enough to the Knowledge and ſenſible feeling (as it were) of the ſumme of our Religion.

Neither doe I doubt, but that now at laſt, thou vnderſtandeſt how extreamely wee haue deceiued our ſelues, and bin gulled in making choyce of this kinde of life, and how veniall a ſinne wee ſhall commit, in withdrawing our ſelues from the ſame.

Whereunto I replyed.

Christian: Theſe are monſtrous and horrible things indeed Pavl, and truly in my minde I haue often ſeene ſuch kind of Monſters in *Italy*, but I blinding my vnderſtanding, as our owne conſtitutions doe enioyne vs, did ſuppoſe theſe things to be nothing, but deuiſes of Sathan, whereby to divert me out of my courſe, and hauing but once ſhouldered mee out of my calling, by the loſſe thereof, to caſt mee headlong into euerlaſting miſerie.

Now you, for your part (ſo farre as I diſcerne) putting confidence in moſt abhominable prodigies, rather then the ſtrongeſt arguments, endeauour to diſgrace both our owne firſt Calling, and the whole Religion of *Rome*: which thing if I ſhall yeeld vnto you as lawfully done, ſeeing you are but

one man in this kind, I see no reason why, the same libertie may not be granted to the particuler Sects of all others that cauil at Religion. Forasmuch, as there is no opinion which may not seeme to bee proued out of holy Scripture, being vnderstood and interpreted by euery man as shall best stand with his particular liking.

But yet considering, that all thy relations touching these Monsters are wonderfull probable, and the other things also most euident, and such as doe conuince the sence and vnderstanding, I cannot herein dissent from you, nor indeed may I with safety, seeing I know you to bee as learned and ingenious as our Societie affoordeth any. I will rather endeauour to reuze vp my selfe, and call to exact accompt my best vnderstanding in this case, which as you say, is ouerclouded with *Iesuiticall* delusions, and vnfold the most implicite notions of my heart touching the Societie of *Iesuites*, that afterwards you may expresse more at large, what is the very *Species*, forme, and *Character* of a *Iesuite*, whom all the Christian world so much honoureth and adoreth.

And now to the end, that I may after your example fall out of hand vpon the fundamentall points of the Societie, hearken and I will relate vnto you what strange things I haue seene and obserued in these stranger times.

I did in my younger dayes (I assure you) suppose, that the foundation of this Societie was altogether Diuine, and me thought I was no longer conuersant on earth, so soone as I was admitted in-

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to this ſocietie, as I thinke it is a vſuall thing with all our Nouices, or the greateſt part of them to be ſo affected. For ſo great is the power of our continued meditations touching diuine ſubiects, that a man ſeemeth euer to bee borne a new, not of naturall parents, but after a peculiar manner borne a *Ieſuite* in the Societie of *IESVS*, euen as CHRIST our Redeemer was incarnate by the holy Ghoſt.

And thus the whole nature of man being in a māner Deified doth witnes, as which doth from that time forward, wherein it hath giuen it ſelfe to meditations of this nature altogether forbeare to pamper and feed the body, abandoneth all ſocietie of the fleſh, by whipping and other voluntary afflictions of the body, refraineth and ſuppreſſeth pleaſure as a blot of infamy and diſhonour, acknowledgeth in euery Spirituall brother the Image of the Lord our God, as our eighteenth Rule commandeth, and withall abjureth and diſpiſeth riches, honours and all ſuch things, as by the vulgar are accounted moſt excellent and precious.

And this was indeed (without any diſſimulation) my firme and conſtant perſwaſion as touching the ſocietie of *Ieſuites*, in the firſt yeere of my admiſſion thereunto.

But this other yeere, when by chance I met with our *Iapan*-Letters, and there amongſt other things had read, not without aſtoniſhment, that among them of *Iapan* being our Antipodes, there are certaine religious men, whom they call *Iamambuxæ*, or Souldiers of the Vallies, who purpoſely to attain

taine an opinion of Sanctimony, doe punish themselues grieuously, doe watch very much, doe Fast exceeding long, and doe giue themselues wholly to certaine Meditations composed of their owne heads, and that they preuaile so farre by these things, that they are beleeued many times, (as inspired with an holy instinct) to speake *Oracles*, and are accounted by all to bee perfect and Holy men; then especially, when as they make no bones of it to kill themselues voluntarily for their Idoll.

When I had (as I said) vnderstood these and many other like passages out of Letters, written not onely by men of our Order, but also published in Print, I assure you I was amazed, and did so shake as if I had newly fallen from Heauen to Earth.

For vpon a sudden it came into my minde, to thinke that nothing could bee deuised more like to our Religion; and that therefore, it was vehemently to be suspected, least all this our Spirituall course of life should not proue Diuine, but Humaine onely and Pharisaicall. Forasmuch, as very Idolators and Heathens wanting the light of the Gospel, doe attaine thereunto; and indeed such Heathens, as are said to be wondrous like both in Nature, Manners and Disposition, to our most ingenious *Europians*; I meane our *Italians*, and *Spaniards*; so that now it is apparant, that the like Religions haue bin deuised and established by men of like natures and inclinations.

And what a strange thing is it, that among those Ethnicks of *Iapan*, not onely our profession of *Iesuitisme*, but in a sort the very entire Gouernment

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of the *Romane Hierarchy* may be ſeene apparantly, founded and eſtabliſhed by an Heathen Spirit.

For in the ſame Letters, it is related, that one chiefe man throughout the whole Empire of *Iapan*, doth hold the chiefe place of a ſupreame Iudge in matters Eccleſiaſticall, who is little leſſe then worſhipped as a God, and generally reputed ſo Holy a man, that hee may not be ſuffered to tread on the ground, and Cõmandeth farre & wide many times vpon occaſion, euen conteſting with thoſe heathen Princes: Moreouer, this man hath the ordering and making of all the *Tundi* among them, who are in effect the Byſhops of that Nation; albeit, the nomination of them (as it is reported) be in ſome places in the Gouernours power; which *Tundi* are thereupon, in great and ſingular eſteeme both with high and low, and doe conferre Prieſthoods, doe appoint Faſting dayes, and grant Licences for eating of Fleſh, to ſuch as vpon Holy dayes goe on Pilgrimage to the Chappels of theyr Saints and Idols.

Yea and further, the ſects of the *Bontij* which ariſe among them, and are nothing elſe but the Monkes of *Iapan*, haue no authority or eſtimation among the people; vnleſſe this great man haue approued him by his letters Patents and teſtimonials: Furthermore, theſe *Bontij* are ſaid to inhabite very large and ſpacious Colledges, after the manner of our Monkes, to liue a ſingle life, to erect an *Altar* in the middeſt of their Chappell, whereupon they place a woodden repreſentation of *Amida* ſitting vpon a golden Roſe, very gallant to behold. Alſo

that they haue very great *Libraries*, with places wherein they eate and drinke together after the manner of our Refectories, and certaine Copper workes which ſerue them inſteed of bels to cal them vp to their houres of prayer.

Againe, euery euening their preſident or chiefe man among them, propoundeth to euery one his particular ſubiect for his meditations that night: and preſently after midnight they doe before the Altar in their Chappell dancing by turnes ſay ouer their deuotions out of the laſt booke of *Xaca*.

Alſo, that euery morning each of them ſpendeth an houre in Meditations; that they build faire Cloyſters in their chappels for their *Fotoquij*, who are a certaine ſect of religious perſons amongſt them, that are ſhauen vpon their heades and chinnes, and doe obſerue a great number of holy dayes in the yeere. And yet for all this they write that theſe *Bontij* are moſt baſe fellowes, in their liues and conuerſations and as coueteous as any men liuing vpon Gods earth, and as well acquainted with all deuiſes how to rake vp money. That theſe *Bontij* doe make ſale vnto the people of many writings vnder their hands, by helpe whereof, the common people are perſwaded that they are protected from the Deuill.

Alſo, that theſe *Bontij* haue a cuſtome to borrow money in this world, which they promiſe to reſtore with large intereſt in the world to come, for which they giue the Creditor bils of their hands as ſecurity, which he at the time of his death carrieth with him into the other world.

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And laſtly, that theſe *Bonzij* are for the moſt part the ſonnes of Noblemen, in regard that the Nobility of *Iapan*, being full of Children, do vſually take a Courſe to procure theſe ſonnes of theirs entered into the Order of the *Bonzij*, for whom they are not able to prouide otherwiſe.

You might ſtile theſe men Chriſtian *Monkes*, or (if you pleaſe) hauing reſpect vnto their qualities Clergy men and Prelates of the Church of *Rome*, if euer the light of the Goſpell had in any meaſure ſhined vpon them before the comming of our men amongſt them: or if euer any Chriſtian at all had gone ſo farre as vnto them, whereby they might haue heard of theſe things and haue imitated them.

Neither is prayer for their dead wanting among theſe *Iapanezes*, howbeit in that they are a little more ſuperſtitious then wee. For in the moneth of *Auguſt*, they are obſerued to ſet aſide 2. whole daies for Adoration of the Spirits of the Dead. And that a little before Night, they ſet vp a great number of Lampes and other Lights about the doores of their houſes, with much varieties of Paintings and trimmings. That afterwards they walke round about the Citie all night long, partly for Deuotion ſake, and partly to looke about them.

Alſo, that towards the Euening, a great ſort of people doe walke out of the Citie to meet the Spirits of their Dead friends, now comming towards them, as they (forſooth) imagine. When they are at a certaine ſet place, where they ſuppoſe that the Ghoſts of their deceaſed Friends doe meet them;

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firſt, they ſalute them kindly, euen as if they ſaw them; ſaying you are heartily welcome, wee haue wanted your good Companie long, I pray you ſit downe a while and refreſh your ſelues with ſome victuals, for wee know you cannot chuſe but be wearie.

Then they ſet vpon Tables (as a banquet for the Ghoſts to feed vpon) Rice, Fruits, and other Viands, and when they haue demurred about an houres ſpace, as if they thought it high time to make an end, they invite and intreat them to come home to theyr houſes; ſaying, wee will goe before and prouide ſome good cheere for you. Alſo, it is obſerued, that aſſoone as theſe two dayes are ouer, they walke out of the Citie againe both men and women with lighted Torches, to conduct them (forſooth) who are now vpon departing, leaſt they ſhould ſtumble in the darke or hurt themſelues againſt any thing.

Yet further it is obſerued likewiſe, that when they returne into the Citie againe, they make a diligent ſearch about all their high roomes, and tylings of their houſes, by caſting vp ſtones thereon, leaſt any of the Spirits (of whom they are in bodily feare) ſhould remaine behind in ſecret.

Moreouer, it is written from thence, that when thoſe *Iaponezes* were demanded by our men, why they did ſet to thoſe Spirits a banquet; they made anſwere, that they are vpon their way towards their Paradice, which ſay they, was ten thouſand Millions of miles, and was a journey that could not bee ended in leſſe then three yeares time; and therefore they

they tooke vp their reſting place there for a while to refreſh themſelues, and to enable them the better to hold out to their journeys end.

But in all theſe things it is obſerued, that the *Bontij*, the Prieſts and Biſhops of *Iapan* doe all in all, and that there is no family, though neuer ſo meane, but it muſt offer one guiſt or other to the *Bontij*, for the peace of the ſoules of their deceaſed Friends

I Omit for brevity ſake, their Holy water, their pots of ſweet odours ſet ouer hot coales to make perfume, their many and large Indulgences which theſe *Bontij* doe tender vnto the people, who are frequent at their preachments, and enrich their Cloyſters. Their beades to pray vpon, which a great number of the *Iapanezes* doe daily runne ouer, not onely within their priuate houſes, but publiquely alſo, carrying them about in their hands all ouer the Citty praying to their *Amida*, and to their *Xaca* for riches, honours, proſperous health, and euerlaſting Comforts. All which things verily are ſo true, that they are both obſerued and written by men of our owne Order, and I haue in relating thereof made vſe almoſt *Verbatim* of that tranſlation, which our Father *Petrus Maffæus* hath made out of the *Italian* into *Latine*.

And this indeed was an opinion of mine, or rather (as my Confeſſor told me) a temptation of the Devill caſt into my mind, touching the Societie of *Ieſuites* and the whole Church of *Rome*, which, for all that I was hardly able in many dayes to thruſt out of my thoughts, by oppoſing through ejacula-

tions of heart (as they terme them) and through faſtings with other afflictions of the body, a whole troupe of Arguments of this nature, violently burſting in vpon my vnderſtanding day and night.

And now before this temptation was well diſgeſted and ouercome, behold vpon a ſudden there fell vpon me another of the ſame nature which ſo handled me, as ſcarcely it left any life in me; For ſhortly after it ſo fell out, that we had the 18. Chapter of the third booke of *Kings* read vnto vs at dinner time, for our Spirituall repaſt, wherein is contayned the ſtory of the Prieſts of *Baal*, and how for the pleaſing or appeaſing of their Idoll, they had a Cuſtome to cut themſelues with kniues and launces till they bled amaine. Which words when I heard our Chaplaine read, for (I confeſſe) I was not then a Diuine, neither had I euer as then read ouer the holy Scriptures, verily I did tremble and ſhake all ouer, as if I had beene taken with a ſudden fit of an Ague, nor had I any further ſtomacke to my dinner at that time, as remembring (to be true to you) our owne whippings whereby as well as with kniues & launces we our ſelues are cruel to our own fleſh, many times ſpilling not a little of our owne blood, and I cannot ſay, but as theſe *Iapaneze Ieſuites* whom I told you of, that they haue named *Iamambuxa*, ſome of vs at ſometimes become guilty of our owne deaths, I am ſure wee ſpoyle our healths by it. But I feare leaſt theſe and fiue hundred more ſpirituall doubts, mentioned by me touching the Societie, may bee triviall to bee propounded vnto ſo judicious and graue a Divine, as

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your ſelfe, not being worth your taking notice of. Wherefore letting other paſſages ſlip by vs, I will be bold to deſcribe vnto you onely two; *Holy*, and *Catholique*, that is to ſay, *Italian* Monſters and Idols, the maintenance whereof our Society hath peculiarly taken vpon themſelues, and concerning which, I am troubled and haue bin theſe ten yeares together, how I might make them *Holy* in my eſtimation, as they are made *Catholique* long ſince. Out of which diſcourſe of mine, you ſhall perceiue your opinion touching the Society of *Ieſuites* and the *Romane* Church, wonderfully confirmed and eſtabliſhed.

The one of theſe Idols, I my ſelfe haue ſeene at *Rome* in the Chappell of S^t. Peter, which Idoll, men vſually call the *Vicar of* Christ.

And I aſſure you, when firſt I ſaw it, I was of an opinion, that it was either Christ himſelfe, or ſurely ſomething more eſteemed of then Christ; foraſmuch, as all the people which flocked thither for deuotion ſake, ſo ſoone as euer they beheld it, ſet on high on a Throne and ſupported by the hands of red men like *Seraphin Angels*, (leaſt perhaps it might daſh its foot againſt a ſtone) fell downe inſtantly vpon their knees beating their breſts, and performing ſuch outward acts of Deuotion in that kind, as appertaineth to none but God onely.

Oh holy Christ, (did my ſoule then inſtantly cry out in priuate) how long will it pleaſe thee to ſuffer this, that as low as thy ſelfe being true GOD, haſt humbled thy ſelfe on earth, ſo high thy

Vicar being but a wretched and a sinfull man, shall extoll and aduance himselfe aboue all heauens? That whereas thou hadst no kingdome heere; yea, hast said, that *thy Kingdome was not of this world*, neither wouldst take vpon thee any Kingly Maiesty. Thy *Vicar* neuertheleſſe, ſhould haue right and intereſt in all Kingdomes, and ſhould out-ſtrip all Kings and Potentates; yea, euen thee, O King of Kings, in wordly Pompe and heauenly Maieſty of State.

Iohn. 18.

That whereas thy Diſciple S^t. PETER, who is ſaid to haue bin Created the firſt *Pope*, would not permit *Cornelius* the Centurion ſo much as to fall downe at his feet, much leſſe to kiſſe them; but inſtantly tooke him vp, ſaying; *Ariſe, for I alſo am a man*: his Succeſſor for all that, forgetting himſelfe to bee a man ſhould ſit on high, as a very *God Almighty*, whoſe feet all men muſt fall downe at and kiſſe?

Act. 10.

But yet I recalled my ſelfe by and by, and ſomewhat pacified my minde with this Meditation: Surely, (ſaid I) it is altogether neceſſary, that the Pope ſhould retaine this his outward Pompe and Maieſty, the better by that meanes to draw vnto him the proud Emperours, Kings and Princes of this world, and to retaine them in true Obedience; as alſo to dazell the eyes of the vulgar people, to the end that what cannot be done amongſt ſuch men by Humilitie, may at leaſt bee brought about by Subtiltie and Policie, that whereas hee is not able to preſerue his reputation by teſtimonies of his owne Holineſſe

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and vertue, as CHRIST and his Apoſtles and other Holy men haue done, hee may vphold it at leaſt by the outward glory of another, leaſt that whereas the auncient *Romanes* were in times paſt Lords of the whole World, if the power of the Biſhop of *Rome*, ſhould not extend it ſelfe fully both to Heaven and Hell, yea and *Purgatorie* alſo, a place deuiſed for this purpoſe; the Pope might hap to ſeeme inferiour to them, or at the leaſt not greater.

That as *Iupiter Optimus Maximus*, the prime GOD of all among the *Romans*, is ſuppoſed to ſtrike ſome perſons to hell with his Thunderbolt, ſo the *Romane* Biſhop ſhould haue in like manner, his terrible Thunderbolt of *Excommunication*, whereby he might make the hearts of all Chriſtians to ſhake, and might thruſt down as many as ſhould but dare to lift vp their tongues againſt this Soueraigne power of his, lower then hell it ſelfe if it could be poſſibly.

Laſt of all, that whereas the ancient *Romanes* being Lords of all the world, had a moſt honourable and ſtately Magiſtracie, cloathed in purple, whereof ſome were Gouernours of the Citie, others ruled as *Vice-Royes* in forraigne Nations: Euen ſo the *Pope* of *Rome*, ſhould haue not onely his Biſhops as Princes; but alſo his Cardinals as Senators clad in purple, who ſhould bee companions for the greateſt Kings, and out of whom alone the *Vicar of* CHRIST ſhould bee choſen by the very inſtinct of the Holy Ghoſt. As if the Holy Ghoſt ſhould

not aſwell be tyed to the *Cardinals*, thoſe baſe and beaſtly ſinckes of Luſt and Ambition, as the Chaire of PETER to the Citie of *Rome*.

For indeed it is true, that the Holy Ghoſt hath ſayd; That by his goodwill, hee cannot indure to dwell in any but quiet, modeſt and humble perſons, and yet (forſooth) of late, he is euen conſtrained by compulſion, and (as it were) halfe againſt his will to reſide, whereſoeuer the Church of *Rome* ſhall be pleaſed to confine him.

Howbeit, I muſt confeſſe, in this caſe my Conſcience did often tell mee, that they of the Church of *Rome* haue not beene able to tye the Holy Ghoſt ſo cloſe to themſelues and their Sea, but that twenty and ſeauen ſundry times fayling of the preſence thereof, they haue raiſed thoſe XXVII. *Schiſmes* which ſtand vpon Record in the Chronicles of their *Popes*: A thing which ſurely giueth infallible euidence, againſt their holy Spirit, and cauſeth all the priuiledges and power thereof, to incurre a juſt Cenſure; For alas! what ſhall wee ſay? Is it poſſible, that the Diuine Godhead can bee an author of Errour and Diſſention?

But when they are held cloſe to this Argument, then they anſwer; That the Holy Ghoſt departed not from the Church of *Rome*, at ſuch or ſuch a time, but onely through the miſtake of ſome, and ambition of others, the Church had gotten a Monſtrous head, hauing ſometimes a double, ſometimes a treble head, but that onely one of the reſt was the true and lawfull head of the *Church*.

Oh, what monſtrous ſpirits haue you, (the *Romaniſts*)

manists) what a monstrous Church ? Which can be compelled through Errour and Ambition, to subsist so often and with so many counterfeit Heads ? To weare them so many yeares, and to inforce so many poore Christian soules to accept and to beleeue them vpon paine of Damnation for true Heads of the Church, to their owne mistake, the abhomination of all good men, and your owne and their most desperate ruine.

Well, now I perceiue plainely enough, that this Monster which hath so often had two Heads, and sometimes three at once, may also through your monstrous Lust and Ambition, as easily acquire Seauen heads at once. But this may be sufficient touching the first Monster or Idoll.

The other Idoll I haue seene at *Loretto*, which the *Italians* call their *Lady of Loretto:* And this is a Picture carued (as they would haue men beleeue) by S^t. Lvke the Evangelist. And for that cause, it is reported to be a worker of wonderfull Miracles. I am not able in words to expresse, in what infinite estimation this Idoll is held, what a report there is all *Italy* ouer, of the Myracles that it worketh. This is the onely *Saint* that all *Italians* haue in their mouth presently, whether they bee amazed with any sudden feare of Death, or taken Sicke with any grieuous disease whatsoeuer.

Vnto this Lady of *Loretto*, doe all sorts of people in such cases make Vowes, promise guifts, vndertake to goe on Pilgrimage vnto her Temple. And if it so fall out, that any man bee deliuered from any imminent danger, or disease, they presently

ſently then cry out a Miracle, a Miracle, and reſolue to performe their promiſe, and ſo ſight wayes they vndertake a Pilgrimage to *Loretto*.

Vpon theſe occaſions, there is preſent reſort to *Loretto* day by day out of all the parts of *Italy*, daily are innumerable Offerings preſented at her Shrine, and painted tables hanged vp in her Chappell expreſſing the whole manner of the Miracles. And truely at the firſt ſight thereof, the infinite multitude of Tables did ſomewhat moue me, and I was of the mind that ſome *Diuine* eſſence ruled in that place. But when I came a little to my ſelfe, vpon ſerious conſideration of all the paſſages together, I eaſily diſcerned, that it was nothing elſe but meerely the dotage of the blockiſh people, who being onely guided by outward ſence, labour to haue a ſenſible God, I meane a *Deitie*, which they might ſee and feele: For vpon the one hand I obſerued, a man pictured vpon the Racke, and valiantly induring all thoſe torments by prayer made to the *Lady of Loretto*: hard by him was portrayed, a man falling from his Horſe, and eſcaping death by a ſudden prayer made to the ſame Lady: On the other hand, you might ſee a multitude of Sicke people miraculouſly reſtored to health by calling vpon her Name: Not farre from them, diuers Tables of people of all ſorts in a ſtorme at Sea eſcaping the violence thereof, by a Vow made to the ſame Lady; with many others of like nature not to be numbred.

Which follies, euen CICERO himſelfe, being a diligent obſeruer of the *Roman* Superſtitions, did

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in his time ſeeme to deride in his booke *De Natura Deorum*, touching the nature of the Gods of the *Romanes*, wherein making mention of the Philoſopher DIAGORAS deriding the *Roman Deities*; hee thus writeth: That when DIAGORAS vpon a time was come to *Samothrace*, and that a friend of his had tooke ocaſion to ſay vnto him; You Sir, who are of Opinion, that our Gods doe not heare the prayers of their Suppliants, and order humaine Affaires, doe not you obſerue by this multitude of painted Tables, how many men by prayer to the Gods, haue eſcaped the violence of tempeſts and ſtormes at Sea and come ſafe to Land?

It is true indeed, ſaid the Philoſopher, heere is a multitude of Tables of them which haue eſcaped; For they are no where painted that haue ſuffered Shipwracke, notwithſtanding, their prayers to theſe Gods in this kinde, and haue periſhed at Sea.

Which anſwere of his, was wittie and beſeeming a Philoſopher; for thereby hee did euidently enough declare, that ſuch people had not bin preſerued by the helpe or fauour of IVPITER, or IVNO, or NEPTVNE, or any other of their ſuppoſed *Deities*, to whom they had directed their Supplications in this caſe. Foraſmuch, as many others beſide, and ſuch as perhaps were honeſter, and better men then thoſe who eſcaped, though they had made the ſame prayers had periſhed in the waues.

But foraſmuch, as all men generally were accuſtomed in any time of diſtreſſe to flye by prayer to

one or other of thoſe ſuppoſed *Deities*, and that it often fell out, that naturall cauſes being violently prouoked, and threatning Death, being eyther ſtopped in the middeſt of their courſe, or mittigated of themſelues, doe vpon a ſudden yeeld hopes of deliuerance. Thence is it, that the effect thereof is without any good reaſon, aſcribed to their fained and imaginary *Deities*.

And euen thus and no otherwiſe, ſtandeth the caſe with our people of *Italy*, in adoring and beleeuing on that Idoll of *Loretto*, and offering vnto it Tables of Deuotion; becauſe, inaſmuch as all *Italy* almoſt maketh prayers vnto her, and that of neceſſitie it muſt fall out, that by one meanes or other in ſo great a Multitude of people ſome few at the leaſt ſhall obtaine what they haue prayed for, either through the eſpeciall hand of God, or by the ſtrength of nature; And that nature at ſomtimes euen ſeemeth to worke a Miracle all theſe things, are by theſe ſtupi'd and blockiſh people attributed to their Lady of *Loretto*; except perhaps men would deny, that in the ſame manner and for the ſame end, the Image of *Ceres* at a City called *Enna* in *Sicilia*, as the ſame *Cicero* witneſſeth hath made open declaration of her power and Godhead (to vſe *Tullies* owne phraſe) by many Miracles and wonders many a time, and full often euen in the deſperateſt caſes afforded vnto her ſuppliants preſent helpe and remedy.

But theſe things (as I haue formerly ſaid vnto you) almoſt none but the vulgar, and ſuch as are like vnto them doe runne after and beleeue.

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For euen the more learned of their owne, Phiſi-cians, Philoſophers, and Diuines alſo, as many as haue not their mouthes ſtopped with ſome Eccleſiaſt call preferment, do in their better iudgements contemne and deride, not onely theſe Miracles of *Loretto* but euen the very *Romane* religion it ſelfe as falſe and fained, as I eaſily and apparantly diſcerned at my being at *Naples*, where they had at that time obtained ſome reſtraint of the violence of the *Romane* Inquiſition.

Yea and moreouer, theſe Atheiſts euen to my face derided my name becauſe it was *Chriſtianus*, for in the *Italian Dialect* by the word *Chriſtian* they are wont to intimate a Blockhead, or ſilly fooliſh fellow; which thing (as I conceiue) they doe for this reaſon, becauſe in their iudgement they hold no man fit or inclinable to beleeue the Popiſh *Chimaraes*, but ſilly fooles and blockheads.

And theſe are chiefly thoſe things which came into my mind to ſpeake and relate touching the Societie of *Ieſuites* & the Idols which it more particularly beleeueth in and adoreth, beeing rowzed vp thereunto by your diſcourſe, and beyond all expectation illuminated therewith.

Pavl. At this word, *Paulus* looking ſtedfaſtly in my face, ſpoke thus vnto mee; I will not (ſaith hee) henceforth any more enquire after the Cauſes of ſo great blindneſſe in the *Ieſuites*. I will admit no more excuſes. If in thee ſo great a light of the truth could be depraued by Ieſuiticall Education and almoſt quite extinct in thee, as

I verily ſuppoſe it had beene in all likelihood, if God had not ſent me hither; What may I imagine they are not able to worke in the darke and infatuated vnderſtanding of others?

When he had thus ſaid, immediately the watch-word was giuen, that it was time to retire from our walke and recreation and both of vs in priuate retired to our priuate Chambers.

Here endeth the firſt Booke.

FINIS.

A DISCOVERIE OF THE SECRET DESIGNES AND BLOODIE *Proiects of the Societie of* IESVITES *of later yeares.*

WHat MARCVS CATO ſometimes ſpoke concerning the *Romane* Southſayers; that hee wondred how they could forbeare to ſmile vpon each other, ſo often as they met, may not vnfitly be applyed to the *Ieſuites*: It is a wonder that one *Ieſuite* when hee looketh vpon another doth not ſtraight way burſt foorth into a laughing outright, they being amongſt themſelues priuie to ſuch impoſtures practiſed vpon the people. I ſpeake not touching your ſimpler ſort of *Ieſuites*, from whom theſe more reſerued and cloſer practiſes of the Societie are altogether concealed, either in reſpect they are not held wiſe enough (forſooth) to bee acquainted with them, or that they are thought too deuout to entertaine them, or elſe in regard of their ſhort continuance in that Society: for all ſuch are ſo kept ſhort through ſeuerity of Diſcipline, that not one of them, except

hee bee wondrous quicke of ſent, can euer ſmell out in the leaſt meaſure what knauery is therein practiſed vnder a ſhew of Holineſſe. My diſcourſe onely toucheth the prime and principall fellowes of that Societie, their *Regents*, *Fathers*, *Prouincials*, and *Generals*; all which, are ſo vniuerſally and joyntly tainted with all manner of wickednesſe, but eſpecially with Whoredome, Couetouſnes, and Magicke, that indeed any reaſonable man may thinke it little leſſe then a Miracle, if a *Ieſuite* of this ranke meeting ſuch another vpon a ſudden, and beholding, as it were, another picture or liuely repreſentation of himſelfe, ſhould haue power to abſtaine from laughing outright.

I therefore thought it not amiſſe, conſidering the premiſſes, to lay open vnto the world ſome particuler paſſages, and practiſes of that Society, of the greateſt part whereof my ſelfe haue beene an eye-witneſſe, and ſome part whereof hath been related vnto me by *Ieſuites* whom I am able to name, and will vndoubtedly nominate, if they ſhall but dare in the leaſt manner to lift vp their tongues againſt mee, or to contradict what I haue written. And howſoeuer at this time I paſſe ouer things briefly, and doe onely (as it were) giue you a firſt draught thereof, I doe purpoſe indue time (God aſſiſting me) to do it more largely and compleatly, with expreſſion of all and ſingular circumſtances thereunto appertaining.

Firſt of all then, at my entrance into my Colledge of *Ieſuites*; eſpecially, if it be ſituated in or neere

neere vnto any large, and populous, and rich place. But alas, why doe I say, if it be built there? (Seeing they haue no Colledges in any poore, meane, or obscure place.) At your first entry I say into such a place or Colledge, take principall notice of the Porter of their Gate, and him you shall find to looke like vnto the very picture of a very *Charon*, or rather a *Cerberus*; For the most part you shall obserue him to bee a man of very great yeares, or if he bee younger, hee is a fellow of most approued trust and secrecie. And this is the man, if any such there bee, who is well skilled in all the mysteries of the *Iesuites Caball*, or reserued *Diuinity*.

In this fellowes keeping is great store of apparell both for Men and Women of euery degree and calling. And with this apparell doe the *Iesuites* habite themselues according to the quallity that euery one findeth himselfe ablest to personate, and so practise wonderfull Impostures in the world. For at sometimes beeing habited like *Souldiers* very gallant, then walke in the streets and highwayes *Whoring* and *Swaggering* in the publike Stewes. At other times in the ciuill habites of *Citizens*, professing themselues to bee of the reformed Religion, they pry vp and downe and listen in Innes, in Play-houses, in Tauernes, vpon the Exchange, and in all places of publike meetings, whersoeuer there is any frequent resort, what the people speake vp and downe concerning them, what consultations are abroad, what matter of Action is set a foot in any part. Another while,

like Doctors of *Physicke*, or of the *Ciuill Law*, with great gold Rings on their fingers, avowing and purposely professing themselues to be Papists; whereseeuer they know any of the Common sort that is wealthy and hath sonnes, they deuise some cause of businesse with them, and insinuate themselues into their acquaintance by strange fetches, and in Conclusion doe advise them to bring vp their sonnes in some Schoole or Colledge of *Iesuites*, affirming that themselues haue beene Educated by them, and that they haue so profited vnder them, that (God bee thanked) they neuer had cause to repent thereof: And sometimes againe apparelled like Noblemen, and compleatly attended, they cause Coaches to bee prouided abroad, and frequent the Courts of Princes, as giuing attendance vpon Ambassadors of forraigne States, and serue as Intelligencers to vnlocke the cabinets of great Potentates.

Nay further, I haue knowne them to make shew of being banished persons, and to craue collections amongst Protestant Diuines, purposely to learne vnderhand what such men writ against them: yea such were those men for the most part, who so miserably deluded so many Reverend men in many places by sinister wayes vnder that habit, furthering the designes of their Societie, and breeding disturbances in the reformed Congregations: of whom, to the end that all honest-hearted Ministers may be more warie, I shall tell you hereafter, what proiects at this day the *Iesuites* haue a foote to this purpose.

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But in the meane while perhaps you will say vnto me, whereto, I pray you, serueth so much womens apparell, or what is their end in depositing so much in the keeping of the Porter of their gate. Attend, and I will tell you: No Pander, that euer Terence or Plavtvs mentioned in their Comedies, was so nimble at the trade of winning pretty wenches, at are the *Iesuites* at this day, but especially that Porter of their gate whom I mentioned but now.

For, that which the Confessors themselues are not able to wring out of them by Auricular Confession in their Churches and Chappels, this fellow knoweth how to winne from them by flattering speeches, with wonderfull pleasing and delightfull toyes, especially if he meete with a poore widdow, or any such silly woman which senderh her child to the Colledge now and then for an Almes; or with some Laundresse, or Spinster; for bee shee *Lotrix*, or *Petrix*, hee will make her a *Meretrix*. Whom so soone as this base Pander hath once but allured to come to his net, although her apparell bee neuer so old and tattered, yet hee hath gay Gownes enough in store, with accoutrements suitable, wherewith hee can make her both tricke and trimme, which when hee hath so done, hee knoweth how to convey her through many secret passages and by-wayes to his *Venerable* Maisters, the Fathers of the *Societie*. And yet he neuer doth this in the day time, but neere vpon the shutting in of the Euening, and then they make away the whole night in Ryot and Luxurie, with reuelling

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I now doe relate in good earneſt, what mine owne eyes haue ſeene; At *Prague* in *Bohemia* vpon the roofe of their Churches, are thouſands of Iron Bullets, Whips, and fire-bals, ſuch as the *Bohemians* vſe: vpon the ſides are placed pieces of Ordnance, with a great number of Muſquets and Har-

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Now the reaſon, wherefore they doe make choiſe to lay vp their Armes and munition in their Churches, is onely this: For if when any Inſurrection or rebellious tumult ariſeth in a Province, the Papiſts come thither to helpe and aſſiſt them, by this meanes they haue Armes for them in a readineſſe vpon a ſuddaine: but if any who are of contrary Religion come thither to doe them wrong, or to ſteale any thing from them, they haue munition and ſtones aboue head, to deſtroy them withall before they be aware. And is not this (I pray you) the ready way to make *the Houſe of Prayer, a Den of Theeues*.

And yet by your patience, if you will but attend, I ſhall relate things more ſtrange and horrible then theſe, in reſpect whereof, the things I haue related hitherto, may well ſeeme tollerable, I may almoſt ſay Innocencie,

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Vnder the Pauement of their Church at *Gratz*, and elſewhere, to my knowledge, are Vaults and buildings vnder ground; whereunto, there is no way but by ſtaires, and ſteps; Here haue they hoorded vp (like to that *Cacus* whom *Virgil* ſpeaketh of) all theyr prey and treaſure, and doe obſcurely conceale a world of wealth: ſo profeſſing pouertie, not onely with publike conſent, but alſo with incredible pleaſure, ſuffering the ſame with admirable patience, and Curſing to the pit of Hell, all ſuch as are poore againſt their wils, as vnworthy of ſo bleſſed a Croſſe.

But as for this their treaſure, for the moſt part it is ſo contriued, that it is buried directly and perpendicularly vnder their greateſt and chiefeſt or moſt eminent and higheſt *Altar*, and ſo they ſhall be ſure that when they Chant Maſſe, they ſhall *Sacrifice* to MARS aboue head, and to MAMMON below.

Now furthermore, in their Vaults vnder ground they maintaine a very ſtrange *Library*, of Cords, Halters, Rackes, Swords, Axes, Iron-pincers, Stockes, Torches, Pillories, and ſeuerall Inſtruments of Torture, wherewith and whereunto poore wretches being tyed faſt, are joynt by joynt torne a ſunder as many as fall into the hands of theſe Tyrants, who are farre more cruell in this kind, then MEZENTIVS or PHALARIS ever were.

Nor are they without a Divels coate, and a long ſteeple crown'd hat with blacke feathers, a jagged doublet cut and ſlaſhed, breeches puffed out and

bagged like bellowes, downe to their anckles, such as would euen make a man affrighted to looke vpon them.

But perhaps, he that readeth this Relation, will wonder to what end Religious persons, who professe themselues the *Disciples* and followers (as they would haue all men to beleeue) of our most meeke Sauiour IESVS, should make such prouision. I will resolue you this question also, if you please to attend.

With such instruments as these, doth the *Societie* captivate the vnderstanding of their Disciples, vnto Iesuiticall obedience. For if in the least matter, they get any hinte of suspition, against any of their Novices, that he will not be constant, or that he desireth to escape from them, and that he is likely to betray the secrets of their Societie, they clap vp such a fellow, in a faire paire of stockes, and hauing macerated him a long time with hunger, and cold, and want of all bodily comforts; at the last, they make an end of him, with some exquisite tortures, and killing torments. I doe not belye them. I write nothing but a truth. There was at *Gratz*, about three yeares agoe, a young man named IACOBVS CLVSSEVS, a youth of an excellent and pregnant wit; this man did they lay hands vpon, and miserably tormented him, by whipping and scourging, for a matter of no moment, and because hee told them plainely, that hee would renounce their *Societie*, and complaine publikely (if ever hee got libertie) for this and other such wicked

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dealing towards him, they clapped him vp into ſuch a Priſon, vnder ground, as aforeſayd, from whence hee was neuer ſeene to come out againe aliue.

Nor did any of vs that were Novices, make queſtion, but that hee was made an end of, with moſt exquiſite torments.

Which vnparaleld piece of tyranny, I purpoſe in due time to divulge to the whole world, with relation of all circumſtances beeing the thing which the poore wretched *Cluſſæus*, had a purpoſe to haue done himſelfe, if hee had not beene hindered and preuented by death.

I ſhall withall make publike vnto the world, another ſuch piece of Villanie, committed by the *Ieſuites* of *Fulda* in *Germanie*, vpon the body of one MARTINVS, whom they ſtole away moſt baſely from his Parents, who are yet liuing at *Miltenberg* or *Milberg*.

And how many women thinke you, haue beene deuoured and eaten vp in the ſame Gulfe? How many young Children ſlaine? How many young men, that haue beene ſole Heyres of very large and ample Patrimonies, haue beene made away by them? I doe not ſay, I thinke, but I beleeue, and am firmely perſwaded, ſo often as ſhrikes, and cryes, ſighings, and moſt woefull lamentations, were heard in the night ſeaſon, the hearing whereof, would put a man into a cold ſweat all over, and make his hayre ſtand on end, though our ſimpler Novices, beleeued them to bee

the Soules of ſome lately departed, it was nothing but the ſhrikes and mone of children lately murthered, or then a murthering.

Moreover, that the extreame and Diueliſh malice of *Ieſuites*, may be in nothing defectiue, they are accuſtomed diuers times in thoſe their Vaults vnder ground to make the Diuell very fine ſport: putting on terrible diſguiſes, they cauſe ſome of theyr Novices to be called downe to behold theyr Tragedie, vpon whom they will ruſh ſuddainely with an horrible yelling noyſe, to make tryall, (forſooth) of theyr courage and conſtancie.

For if they find any to bee timorous and fearefull, they admit not ſuch a man to the ſecrets of *Magicke*, as accounting them cowardly and degenerate, but appoint them to ſome of the inferiour Arts: but ſuch as appeare to bee of bold and vndaunted Spirits, they take eſpeciall notice of them, and reſerue them for ſerious imployments.

And yet they are not alwayes ſucceſſefull for all this, as appeared by that which happened at *Prague* in the yeare 1602. For whereas there were fiue principall *Ieſuites*, who being habited as Devils made ſport with their youth, It ſo fell out, that there was found to bee a ſixth in their company, before they were aware, and hee queſtionleſſe was a Divell indeed, who catching vp one of the perſonated Diuels in his Armes, gaue him ſuch a kindly vnkind embrace, that within three dayes after, hee dyed of it. The fact was common talke

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at Bake-houſes, and Barberſhops, and at euery table diſcourſed vpon, all over *Prague*.

And yet for all that, the reſt of them, as nothing amazed with this *Tragicall event*, dare ſtill in an height of obſtinacie, proceed in that moſt vngodly and Diueliſh ſtudy of Magicke.

Now amongſt that whole Societie, the prime man for a Magician, a *French Ieſuite*, whom the King of *France* himſelfe, had in ſo high eſtimation, that hee admitted him not onely to his Princely table, but alſo to familiar conferences in priuate; concerning whom, the *Ieſuites* themſelues did make their boaſt, that he had a glaſſe made by Art Magicke, wherein hee could plainely repreſent vnto the King, whatſoeuer his Maieſtie deſired to ſee: inſomuch, that there was nothing ſo ſecretly done or conſulted vpon in the moſt private Roome of of any Cloyſter or Nunnerie of other *Orders*, which hee could not eaſily and inſtantly diſcouer, and diſcloſe, by helpe of this his Inchanted, or rather Diueliſh glaſſe.

And indeed it was by the Art and meanes of this *Magician Ieſuite*, that their Societie was confident, that they ſhould bee able to draw on theyr ſide, one of the moſt potent Princes of the Empire, albeit a Proteſtant: foraſmuch, as hee was obſerved to bee ſomewhat delighted in the Study of Magicke.

Now, as for thoſe whom they take in as Nouices to be inſtructed in this way, they expound vnto thē thoſe nine hundred Propoſitions, which Prevs,

Earle of *Mirandula* publiſhed at *Rome* : as alſo the Booke of *Iohannes Tritemius*, together with a Tract or Treatiſe touching abſtruſe or hidden Philoſophy, written by *Cornelius Agrippa* : Likewiſe *Theophraſtus*, concerning the Conſtellations and Seates of the Planets, with the *Steganographia* of I know not what Abbot, and the Art of PAVL to procure Revelations: meaning Saint PAVL, whom they affirme to haue beene inſtructed in the Art Magicke, and thereby to haue vnderſtood ſuch high Revelations and profound Myſteries.

Yea, they bluſh not to affirme, that Saint IOHN was an excellent Magician : Nor doe they ſticke to ſay, that euen our bleſſed Sauiour CHRIST IESVS himſelfe, was a moſt abſolute and perfect *Magician*, as mine owne eares haue heard it oftener then once or twice related by ſome of that Societie, and ſuch as I am able to nominate.

And thus much for the *Ieſuites* Church : Onely, take this direction along with you; thoſe Vaults and Roomes vnder ground, which I mentioned euen now, thoſe ſecret conueyances and Circean Dennes, are for the moſt part contriued to be vnder the Quire or Cloiſter, not where the people doe walke or ſtand.

And now when thou ſhalt paſſe from their Temple into theyr Studie (for I will ſay nothing touching theyr Parlour, or Chambers, Refectories, or places of Recreation, inſtruction of Novices who

who are newly admitted, and the trayning vp of other Schollers committed to the *Iesuites* tuition; nor yet touching the Methode and Order of their Studies, but will referue that for another Discourse; seeing those passages are for the most part knowne abroad already, being discovered by another.) When, I say, thou shalt enter into their publike *Library*, thou shalt finde a most exquisite choise of Authors of all sorts, all of them most curiously bound vppe in Leather or Parchment with fillets of Siluer or Gold: and as for such whereof there is daily vse, they are layd in order vpon Deskes, fastened with chaines vpon a long table.

But as for the inner *Librarie*, that is onely reserued for the Fathers of the Societie: it is free for none but them to goe in thither, and to borrow thence what bookes they thinke good. Those ordinary bookes, are onely free for the Iuniors of the *Societie*, nor may they take a sentence out of the rest without speciall leaue obtained from the Regent.

Moreouer, in this first Librarie, are no Hereticall bookes (as they call them) but onely the Writings of most approued Authors and *Catholickes* all: For they hold any other vnworthy to bee placed amongst them, as fearing perhaps they should infect the rest.

Looke therefore vpon thy left hand, and there thou shalt see the wretched bookes of *Heretickes*, (as they tearme them) standing all in mour-

Mourning for the faults of their Authors, bound vp in blacke Leather, or Parchment blacked over, with the very leaues thereof dyed in blacke.

Of theſe, not one of the Fathers themſelues may make choyſe or vſe, without leaue obtained from the Regent before hand: but your inferiour *Ieſuites* and younger Novices, may not bee ſo bold, as to deſire the ſight of any one of them, except he will before hand, with all virulencie and bitterneſſe, raile vpon, and diſgrace the Author, whom hee deſireth to ſee, by ſome infamous Lybell, and ſcurrilous Satyricall verſe, or writing.

In the middeſt of theſe ſeuerall Libraries, is placed a Study, beeing divided into many Seates diſtinct, and ſeparate one from another, with a blew covering: on the right ſide whereof, ſit the Fathers; on the left, the vnder-Graduates; who haue already taken ſome Degrees vpon them. The other Novices, or (*Freſh-men* as wee call them) ſit mixt with the fellow-Commoners, that they may take notice of them, and euery man in his turne, beating into them by continuall diſcourſes, the ſweetneſſe and excellencie of the Order of *Ieſuites*; eſpecially, into ſuch as are of the richer ſort, or wealthy heyres.

I will ſay no more at this time, as touching theyr Studies, but I will deſcribe briefly, the manner of the Viſitation, which euery Prouinciall maketh; becauſe it is a point, which as I thinke, and for any thing that I euer read or heard, hath beene neuer hitherto diuulged by any.

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Now euery *Prouinciall* taketh his Denomination from the Prouince, or Kingdome rather, which is committed to his charge, and ouerſight. His place is to viſit the ſeuerall Colledges, to take an account of theyr Reuenewes, and ouer-ſee their expences, exactly and punctually: to take notice, what Noble perſonages doe commit their Sons to the tuition of the Societie, and how many they are in number? Whether there bee not yearely an increaſe of Schollers, as alſo of their meanes and Reuenewes? Whether there bee any conuerted from *Lutheraniſme*, and how many ſuch?

If there be no ſuch thing, or if the Popiſh Religion haue loſt ground, or if there be any decreaſe of theyr wealth, he ſharpely reproueth their ſloath and neglect, and chargeth ſtrictly, that they make amends for the wrong they haue done, and loſſe they haue receiued in this caſe. But if they haue beſtirred themſelues brauely, and conuerted (as they call it) or rather perverted many Soules to Popery, if they haue beene frugall, and ſcraped wealth together, he praiſeth them very highly, and extolleth them to the skyes. Moreover, he demandeth, what is the opinion of the Neighbouring Hereticks concerning them? What bee the projects of the Nobles? What meetings they haue? How many? And where? What they conſult vpon? What they reſolue to doe? Whether the Hereticall Princes (as they tearme them) delight to liue at home or abroad? To whom they reſort moſt frequently? What is the ſeuerall diſpoſition of euery one of them? In what things hee is obſerued to take moſt

delight? Whether hee take any care of his people or not? Whether hee bee a Religious Prince or not? Or rather, whether hee bee not a man, who delights to take his pleasure in drinking, Wenching, or Hunting? Whether hee haue any Catholickes about him, or that are neere vnto him? What the people report abroad, concerning theyr owne Princes? Whether the Churches of the Aduersaries, bee full of resort, or not? Whether the Pastors of those Churches, bee learned and diligent men in theyr place and calling, or otherwise lazie Lubbers, and vnlettered? Whether the Profession of Diuinitie thriue, in the Neighbouring Vniuersitie of Heretickes? Whether theyr Diuines maintaine frequent Disputations, and against whom principally? What bookes they haue published of late, and vpon what Subiect?

To these, and sundry such questions, if the Regent, and the rest of the Fathers doe answer punctually, hee doth wonderfully commend theyr industry and vigilancie.

If hee finde them defectiue in answering to these or any such demaunds, hee reprooueth them sharpely, saying: what meane you my Maisters, doe you purpose, like lazie companions, to vndoe the Church of *Rome*? How doe you suppose your slothfulnesse in these waightie affaires, can bee excused before his *Holinesse*? How is it, that you presume to take these places vpon you, and to manage them no better? What or whom are you affrayd of? Why doe not you buckle

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vp your ſelues better to your buſineſſe, and performe your places like men? Theſe things (if you had beene ſuch men as you ought to bee) had not beene to doe now. Theſe things ſhould haue beene done long before this time. Doe you obſerue the incredible watchfulneſſe of the Heretickes, and can you bee lazie? And with theſe or the like ſpeeches, hee whetteth them on to their dutie.

At the laſt, he enquireth as touching the ſcholers, fellow-Commoners, Novices, and the reſt, how many they are in number? How much euery one hath profited? To what ſtudy or delight each one is inclinable? Whether there bee any one amongſt them that is ſcrupulous, or vntractable, or not a fit ſubiect to bewrought vpon. For he adiudgeth euery ſuch an one fitting to bee remoued from the ſtudy of Divinity; except, he haue bin very well exerciſed in the diſputations in Schooles, and haue a very great and good conceit of their Religion beaten into him. Moreouer, hee enquireth if they haue any one in the Colledge, who can be contented, for the aduantage of the Catholicke cauſe, to vndertake any laudable attempt, and to ſpend his blood in the cauſe, if at any time neceſſity ſhall ſeeme to require it.

And at laſt, he ſendeth away all theſe informations being ſealed vp, vnto the Father Generall at *Rome*, by whom, they are immediately made knowne to the *Pope* himſelfe, and his Conclaue of Cardinals: And ſo by this meanes, an order is taken, that there is no matter of Action ſet on

foote, nothing almoſt conſulted vpon, throughout the whole Chriſtian world, which is not forthwith diſcouered vnto the Pope, by theſe traytors, that lurke in euery ſtate and kingdome. Alſo, it is not to be omitted, that the *Ieſuites* are tranſlated by theyr Prouinciall, from one Colledge to another, and that for the moſt part once in three yeares, that ſo the Prouinciall out of theyr ſeuerall diſcoueries, may attaine to vnlocke all the ſecreteſt Cabinets of the Prince and State, where he doth reſide.

In the laſt place, I will adde in ſtead of a Corallary, ſome ſtrange and wonderfull deuices of the *Ieſuites*, which beeing but of late newly hammered in the forge, they haue earneſtly endeauoured; yea, and at this day doe labour, tooth and nayle to put in practice by publike conſent, for an Innouation to be made both in the Church and State throughout the whole *Romane* Empire. To this end, theyr chiefe and oneiy ayme is, how to ſet the Princes of the Empire together by the eares, and by taking off ſome of the principall Doctors of the Church, to bring the tyranny of the *Spaniard*, and the Primacie of the *Pope*, into *Germanie*. Concerning which very project, I haue heard the Prouinciall Del-Rio himſelfe, diſcourſing ſometimes, whoſe plots and Machinations, were ſuch as follow. In the firſt place, (ſaith hee) care and paines muſt bee vſed, to eſtrange the affections of the Princes of the Empire, one from another.

Now the meanes (ſayd he) to effect; that is, to worke vpon theyr contrariety of opinions, in matters

ters of Religion: And for this end let the Emperor be incited to make a Declaration, that hee will not grant liberty of Conſcience in matters of Religion, except there ſhall firſt be a reſtitution made of ſuch goods, as were taken from the Clergie vpon the treaty at *Paſſaw*: for this is a point whereat they will ſticke reſſuredly, and deny it.

Let the Emperor thereupon ſend his Princes, and demand the ſame of the Cities of the Empire? They will either obey or deny: If they conſent and obey, all is well: If they refuſe, let him proclaime them Rebels, and expoſe them to be ſeized vpon by the next neighbouring Princes: but ſtill let the matter be ſo caried, that he be ſure to oppoſe a *Lutheran* and a *Calviniſt*, the one againſt the other.

Moreouer, ſome deuiſe muſt bee found out, that the Duke of *Bavaria* may fall foule either vpon the Elector *Palatine*, or vpon the Duke of *Wittemberg*, for then may the Emperor be eaſily wonne to proclaime him Traytor whom the Duke of *Bavaria* ſhall diſtaſt, and all meanes taken away of making pacification either with *Papiſt* or *Calviniſt* for thē; beſides, thereby will be raiſed vnreconcileable diuiſions in the Empire, neuer to be quenched before an highway bee made for the accompliſhment of our deſires. For the further ripening of which Deſigne, the *Ieſuites* vnbethought themſelues further of this Stratagem. It will follow (ſay they) neceſſarily, when any Citie of the Empire ſhall be proclaimed rebellious, that euery ſeuerall Prince will be more ready and willing to ſerue his owne turne vpon the ſpoyle thereof, then to admit any other

that ſhall be emulous of the ſame bootie to prevent him. This for the Generality. More particularly yet, meanes muſt be found out, to ſet the Princes of *Saxony* at difference, that their ſtrength and power may be broken, or at leaſt weakened.

Now that may bee moſt conueniently effected thus: firſt, if the Adminiſtration of the Primacie of *Magdeburg*, which now is vacant, bee giuen to the *Bauarian* Elector of *Colen*, neither the Marqueſſe of *Brandenburg*, nor the Duke of *Saxonie*, will eaſily grant theyr conſents thereto.

Secondly, if that ſucceed not according to our deſires, there muſt be ſome cauſe pretended, why the Duke of *Saxony* either doth ſeeme worthy, or ought to ſeeme worthy to be remoued from the Electorall dignity. For, if in times paſt, the Princes of the Empire caſt downe *Wenceſlaus*, from the Imperiall Throne, becauſe they had adiudged him a negligent Prince: ſurely the Emperour may take as juſt an occaſion, to remoue from the Electorall Dignity, the Duke of *Saxony*, who is drunke euery day. And in this reſpect, let his Imperiall Maieſtie reſtore and conferre that Dignity, vpon the houſe and family of the Dukes of *Weymar*, And becauſe theſe Princes are yet vnder age, let the Adminiſtration of that Electorſhip, be committed to *Henry* of *Brunſwicke*, a learned and vigilant Prince. This project being once ſet a foote, cannot chuſe but beget infinite diſtractions, throughout all *Saxony*, ſo ſhall it come to paſſe, that they ſhall waſt and weary themſelues one againſt another, and by that meanes, become vtterly vnable to withſtand a common foe when he ſhall come vpon them. And

And as for the Marqueſſe of *Brandenburge* and them of *Pomerania*, let meanes be vſed to moue the King of *Poland* who is the Emperors kinſman to covenant with his vncle the King of *Swetheland*, that they two ſhall invade and divide *Pruſſia*, and *Canton* the ſame: which thing the Marqueſſe of *Brandenburge* will oppoſe with all his powers. Now as concerning the *Landgraue* of *Heſſen* he muſt be vrged and ſollicited daily to divide the inheritance equally with his vncle *Lodowicke* and to reſigne the gouernment of *Hertsfeild* to the Biſhop of *Wirtzburg*: if he refuſe to doe ſo, let him bee proclaymed rebell, and let his inheritance bee aſſigned vnto his vncle *Lodowicke*.

Moreouer, as for the Duke of *Wittemberge*, and the Elector *Palatine*, they two may with eaſe be ſet together by the eares, if the Duke bee commanded to make reſtitution of ſome Religious houſes, or otherwiſe vpon his refuſall be proclaimed Rebell, and ſome neighbouring Monaſteries bee aſſigned to the Elector *Palatine*, and amongſt them one eſpecially, which hee hath bin obſerued to haue aymed at long agoe.

And theſe be thoſe killing proiects of the *Ieſuites*, which I haue heard from their owne mouthes, not without admiration euen to aſtoniſhment, and they haue many more of like ſort, all which I doe not at this preſent remember.

Moreouer, there hath beene a Conſultation among the *Ieſuites* to ſend abroad ſome bold *Aſſaſſinates*, who by Poyſon or by the Piſtoll, may cut off the principall Doctors of the Reformed Churches,

fellowes who are ſo abſolute Maſters in that trade of Poyſoning, that they are able ſo to infect Platters, Saltſellers, Baſons Kettles, Pots, and Caldrons, and ſuch like veſſels of ordinary vſe; that albeit, they ſhall be ten times ouer waſhed and wiped, yet ſhall they retaine the power and infection of moſt deadly and ſpeeding poyſon. Wherefore, I humbly aduiſe all godly and religious Gouernours and Miniſters of the Church, that hereafter they bee warie, and cautelous how they truſt any, but ſuch as of whoſe fidelity they haue had ſufficient triall.

And theſe things could neuer haue fallen within compaſſe of mine vnderſtanding, nor euer did, before ſuch time as I heard them from the Principals and Heads of the *Societie* of *Ieſuites*, together with many other particulars, which I held my ſelfe bound in Conſcience to reueale to the world, for the good of my Countrey, and of the Church of CHRIST: which although I haue for the preſent onely giuen you as in a rude and firſt draught; yet I purpoſe, (God willing) in due time, to expreſſe the ſame at large, painting them out in their Colours, with circumſtances of time, place and perſons.

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